Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Each year, South Dakota's underground utilities are jeopardized or damaged by those who do not call 811 to have facilities located before digging. The consequences include service interruption, damage to the environment, and injury or even death; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the South Dakota One Call Board promote the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, in an effort to minimize these damages and dangers. The 811 number was designated by the FCC in 2005, to provide excavators and homeowners with an easy-to-remember number to reach their local One Call Center to request underground facility locations at planned dig sites; and,

Whereas, Through communication of safe digging steps, excavators and homeowners can save time and money, and be safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 prior to any digging project, waiting the necessary amount of time; being mindful of marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout excavation; and digging carefully at a safe distance from the marks; and,

Whereas, All agree that safe digging is crucial for us all. To Know What's Below; Call 811 Before You Dig:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2012, as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in South Dakota, and encourage all South Dakotans call 811 before digging.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State